Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—Sir, I have to announce to the House that the following Bills passed by this Council have, on the 23rd of Meenam 1104, received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

A Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code.

A Bill to amend the Cochin Chief Court Regulation.

A Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—

Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table, the following Statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098:—

Item No.	Amount Rs. As. Ps.	Remarks
CRANGANUR.		
6. Stamps		The actuals of 1103 exceeded the allotments chiefly owing to the larger number of stamp papers that had to be purchased for Cranganur as also the refunds made during the year and the excess had to be sanctioned by transfer from the savings under Public Works Departments.
(b) Cost of papers	805—5—9	
(d) Refunds	37—2—0	
11. Jails.	19—1—5	The expenditure for 1103 under Cranganur Sub-Jail exceeded the allotment and an additional grant for Rs. 19—1—5 had to be sanctioned to meet the actual requirement from the available savings under 10—'Civil Court—Miscellaneous'.
20. Miscellaneous-Special allowance for low-paid subordinates	950—0—0	The tentative provision of Rs. 400 made in the Cranganur budget estimate for 1104 was found quite inadequate to meet the actual requirements and an additional allotment of Rs. 950 had to be sanctioned urgently to meet the expenditure on this account.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether these items of expenditure have been placed before the Standing Finance Committee as was promised recently and as I believe has been the practice ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think one was placed.

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I think one was placed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What about the others?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Under the rules it is not necessary to place these before the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—On account of the discussions and resolutions passed by this House, it has become an accepted convention.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It was not necessary.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not know about the correctness or otherwise of the grant. I am rather insisting upon a right of the House because, when a paper like this is placed before the House, that may finally go from the purview of this Council. There is the Standing Finance Committee of this House. At least their criticism may be heard before the Diwan finally passes orders. These may have at least some criticism which may probably help the administration in disposing of a matter like that. It is in view of that that this House has been pressing for such a procedure and it has been more or less accepted. I only wanted to point out this.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—This expenditure was incurred in 1103. Government thought that it was not necessary to place it before the Committee.

President.—Wherever it is possible to obtain the advice of the Standing Finance Committee, steps are taken in that matter. But wherever the expenditure is of an emergent character, and there is not sufficient time to call a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee, such cases are treated as cases under section 16 (9). That is the rule that we follow. In all cases where it is possible to have a consultation with the Standing Finance Committee, we do it. I think in that connection Mr. Salem wrote to the President a letter, and I have forwarded it to the Government. He wanted to introduce a convention that all votable items of expenditure are to be placed before the Standing Finance Committee. Is not it?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes. We have sufficiently discussed that matter here. The Diwan promised that as far as possible it will be discussed prior to certifying it. As a matter of fact, we had one such discussion and it was certified and we had the advantage of discussing it and having full information.

President.—That is the rule also. Wherever possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whatever convention we are establishing we see that it is acted up to.

Supplementary Grants.

(1) *XXIX-3-F-Stone-ware Factory—Other charges—Rs. 6,288.*

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,288 under XXIX—3—F—

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